

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-2, 9 and 11 without prejudice or disclaimer, amend claims 3-4, 10 and 12, and add a new claim 13 as follows:

1-2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A packet communication system comprising packet communication devices that are arranged in a plurality of foreign networks, respectively, and that are at least part of foreign networks existing as networks visited by a mobile node, wherein

when the mobile node moved among the plurality of foreign networks, if ~~[[the]]~~ a packet communication device is arranged in a visited foreign network, the mobile node is given by the packet communication device a care-of address that corresponds to the visited foreign network in a one ~~[[by]]~~ to one manner, ~~[[and]]~~

the mobile node continuously sends information pertinent to ~~[[the]]~~ an updated care-of address given in the most recently visited foreign network, after moving ~~to a plurality of~~ through at least three foreign networks ~~from the predetermined foreign network,~~ to at least one of the packet communication devices arranged in the at least three foreign networks in which the mobile node ~~resided~~ visited previously, and

a packet that is sent from a corresponding node designated to the mobile node at a care-of-address given in a respective previously visited foreign network is transferred from the packet communication device of the respective previously visited foreign network directly to the updated care-of-address.

4. (Currently Amended) The packet communication system according to claim 3, wherein

at at least ~~[[any]]~~ one point of time selected from a group consisting of points of time when applications are started in the mobile node and points of time when the applications having been started in the mobile node start to exchange packets via the Internet, the mobile node sends continuously information pertinent to its care-of address that is acquired when, after residence in one foreign network, the mobile node has moved to another foreign network to a packet communication device that was in service at the start of the application and is a packet communication device existing on the foreign network in which the mobile node resided.

5. (Original) The packet communication system according to claim 4, wherein the mobile node stops continuation of sending of the information to the packet communication device that was in service at the start of the application after the application is ended.
6. (Original) The packet communication system according to claim 3, wherein the packet communication device that will be a target to which the information is sent continuously is selected in correspondence with at least either a state of or a communication purpose of the foreign network in which the moved mobile node resides.
7. (Original) The packet communication system according to claim 3, wherein when the number of hops between the packet communication device when the information started to be transmitted and the packet communication device existing on the foreign network in which the mobile node resides exceeds a predetermined value, continuation of sending of the information is stopped.
8. (Original) The packet communication system according to claim 3, further comprising conditions setting means that allows the user of the mobile node to set conditions in advance, wherein when the conditions being set by the condition setting means are satisfied, continuation of sending of the information is stopped.
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Currently Amended) A communication network comprising packet communication devices that are arranged in a plurality of foreign networks, respectively, and that are at least part of foreign networks existing as networks visited by a mobile node, wherein
when the mobile node moved among the plurality of foreign networks, if the packet communication devices are arranged in the visited foreign networks, the mobile node is given by the packet communication device a care-of address corresponding to each of the visited foreign networks is given to the mobile node in a one [[by]] to one manner, [[and]]

~~after moving further from a predetermined foreign network to a plurality of~~
through at least three foreign networks, information pertinent to ~~[[the]]~~ an updated
care-of address given by the most recently visited foreign network is continuously
sent from the mobile node to at least one of the packet communication devices ~~each of~~
~~which is arranged on each of the~~ at least three foreign networks in which the mobile
node ~~resided~~ visited previously, and

a packet that is sent from a corresponding node designated to the mobile node
at a care-of-address given in a respective previously visited foreign network is
transferred from the packet communication device of the respective previously visited
foreign network directly to the updated care-of-address.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A method for selecting an IP address in a mobile node
comprising the steps of:

arranging packet communication devices in a plurality of foreign networks
that are at least part of foreign networks existing as networks visited by the mobile
node, respectively;

when the mobile node moves among the plurality of foreign networks, if ~~[[the]]~~
a packet communication device is arranged in a visited foreign network, giving the
mobile node a care-of address that corresponds to the visited foreign network in a one
~~[[by]]~~ to one manner; ~~[[and]]~~

~~after the mobile node moved further from a predetermined foreign network to~~
~~a plurality of~~ through at least three foreign networks, sending information pertinent of
~~[[the]]~~ an updated care-of address given in ~~[[a]]~~ the most recently visited foreign
network continuously from the mobile node to at least one of the packet
communication devices ~~each of which is arranged in each of the~~ at least three foreign
networks in which the mobile node ~~resided~~ visited previously, and

transferring a packet that is sent from a corresponding node designated to the
mobile node at a care-of-address given in a respective previously visited foreign
network from the packet communication device of the respective previously visited
foreign network directly to the updated care-of-address.

13. (New) The packet communication system according to claim 3, wherein the mobile node sends the updated care-of-address given in the most recently visited foreign network to packet communication devices of all previously visited foreign networks.